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FOR THE FIRST TIME, SUPERGIRL AND ZATANNA MEET NOT TO JOIN FORCES, BUT TO BATTLE EACH OTHER, FOR...
"THE SINISTER SNOWMAN"

TWO SENSATIONAL HEROINES-- ONE, A SUPER-POWERED CHAMPION, THE MIGHTIEST GIRL ON EARTH-- THE OTHER, A WONDROUS SORCERESS WHO CAN WORK MIRACLES WITH THE WAVE OF A WAND! HERE ARE--

SUPERGIRL AND HER UNEXPECTED GUEST STAR-- ZATANNA

SUPERGIRL AND ZATANNA BECOME RIVALS WHEN THEY SCALE A HIMALAYAN MOUNTAIN TO SAVE THE SAME PERSON! WHY DO THEY BRAVE STARTLING HORRORS AS THEY COMPETE TO SEE WHO WILL BE FIRST TO LEARN THE SECRET OF...

THE SINISTER SNOWMAN!

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A BALMY SPRING AFTERNOON ON THE CAMPUS OF VANDYRE UNIVERSITY IS THE SITE OF A ROUSING POW. (PRISONER OF WAR) RALLY...
THAT'S IT! EVERYONE TAKE ONE!
EACH BRACELET BEARS THE NAME OF A BRAVE SERVICEMAN CAPTURED BY THE ENEMY IN SOUTHEAST ASIA!
YOUR DONATIONS WILL HELP THE EFFORT TO BRING THEM ALL HOME!
BUT ONE PRETTY CO-ED ON THE SCENE CARRIES WITH HER A VERY PRIVATE SADNESS... AND HER NAME IS LINDA DANVERS...
I'VE GOT MINE!
THIS ONE'S FOR ME!
I'D GRAB A BRACELET, TOO... BUT MY WRIST IS ALREADY SPOKEN FOR...
...BECAUSE I WEAR A BAND IN REMEMBRANCE OF A BRAVE CIVILIAN BOY WHO'S BEEN MISSING FOR SEVERAL MONTHS NOW IN THE HIMALAYAS--
--SOMEONE I ONCE RESCUED--
--AS SUPERGIRL!
TONY MARTYN
FONDLY, LINDA GAZES AT THE NAME ENGRAVED IN THE GLEAMING METAL-- AND THINKS BACK TO A DAY WHEN SHE WAS ON PATROL AS THE GIRL OF STEEL...
IT WAS ABOUT A YEAR AGO... JUST BEFORE TONY JOINED THE PEACE CORPS AND WENT OVERSEAS!
HE WAS DRIVING NORTH ALONG THE PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY...
"...WHEN HE LOOKED AHEAD AT THE SKY TO SEE...
GOOD GRIEF! A STRAY PARACHUTE DRIFTING TOWARD THE ROAD!
"THE CHUTE WAS CARRYING WEATHER INSTRUMENTS, AND WAS BLOWN OFF-COURSE BY HIGH WINDS!
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"AND BEFORE TONY COULD SWERVE OR EVEN BRAKE FOR A STOP...
I--I CAN'T SEE WHERE I'M GOING--!
"BUT LUCKILY I WAS FLYING BY AND SPOTTED THE IMMINENT DISASTER! AS THE CAR RAN OUT OF CONTROL...
THAT CRAZY GUY'S IN OUR LANE!
WE'LL BE KILLED IN A HEAD-ON COLLISION!
"I SWOOPED UNDERNEATH IT AT INVISIBLE SUPER-SPEED...
→WHEW← MANAGED TO CARRY THIS CAR AWAY ON A SOLO FLIGHT JUST IN THE NICK OF TIME!
"AFTER A SWIFT AND SAFE LANDING IN A NEARBY FIELD...
NOW TO SEE WHO THE UNLUCKY DRIVER IS WHO GOT ENTANGLED WITH THE CHUTE!
PROBABLY AN ELDERLY GRANDMOTHER WHO ONLY DRIVES ON SUNDAYS!

"I'LL NEVER FORGET THAT FIRST MOMENT I EVER GAZED INTO TONY'S BRILLIANT BLUE EYES..."
SUPERGIRL!
IT FELT LIKE MY CAR WAS TAKING OFF-- AND NOW I KNOW WHY!
YOU SAVED MY LIFE!
OHH... WHAT A DREAMBOAT! I THOUGHT LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT WAS JUST FOR FAIRY TALES-- UNTIL NOW!
SINCE THAT DAY, TONY WROTE REGULARLY TO SUPERGIRL, ADDRESSED IN CARE OF VANDYRE UNIVERSITY!
I WAS ALWAYS HAPPY TO HEAR FROM HIM... BUT I NEVER FOUND OUT IF HE FELT ABOUT ME, THE WAY I FELT ABOUT HIM!
BUT THE NAME OF TONY MARTYN IS ALSO DEAR TO SOMEONE ELSE NOT FAR AWAY! LET US JOIN A FABULOUS FEMALE MAGICIAN, KNOWN TO THE WORLD AS ZATANNA...
...AND FOR MY NEXT TRICK, I'LL NEED A VOLUNTEER FROM THE AUDIENCE!
YOU'VE GOT ONE!
I DON'T GET IT, ZATANNA, WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO DO NOW?
YOU'RE ALREADY DOING IT! JUST KEEP YOUR HEART BEATING-- AND YOUR BRAIN THINKING!
THE NEXT ASTOUNDING MOMENT, AS ZATANNA SHOUTS TWO STRANGE COMMANDS...
EPOR EMOC EVILA!
SKCITSMURD TRATS GNITAEB!
EDITOR'S NOTE: THE FABULOUS ENCHANTRESS CAN PERFORM HER FEATS BY RECITING HER MAGICAL COMMANDS BACKWARD!
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YOU SEE, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN--
--I'VE MADE THE DRUMSTICKS TAP TO A RHYTHM ATTUNED TO MY SUBJECT'S HEARTBEAT!
THUMP-THUMP!
AND I'VE SUSPENDED THE ROPE IN MID-AIR TO EXACTLY DUPLICATE HIS BRAINWAVES!
YET, AS THE SAUCY SORCERESS BOWS TO THE ROAR OF THUNDEROUS APPLAUSE, HER OWN THOUGHTS REMEMBER ANOTHER PERFORMANCE...
IT WAS A YEAR AGO... A MAN STEPPED FORWARD FROM THE FRONT ROW TO ASSIST ME WITH THE SAME TRICK...
CLAP
CLAP
CLAP
CLAP
"...AND HE WAS THE MOST HANDSOME MAN I EVER LAID EYES ON! I WAS SUPPOSED TO BE THE MAGICIAN-- BUT HE HAD ME IN A TRANCE...
I--I CAN'T TEAR MY EYES AWAY FROM HIM...!
BE GLAD TO HELP, ZATANNA! JUST TELL ME WHAT I'M SUPPOSED TO DO!
"SO ENTHRALLED WAS I, I COULDN'T CONCENTRATE PROPERLY-- AND MY SPELL TURNED OUT EMBARRASSINGLY DIFFERENT...
THANKS FOR THE COMPLIMENT, ZATANNA!
you're terrific
OOPS! MY MAGIC INADVERTENTLY BETRAYED MY TRUE FEELINGS!
"AFTER THE SHOW WAS OVER, TONY INTRODUCED HIMSELF--AND THAT WAS THE START OF A TRULY ENCHANTING ROMANCE...
A FLOATING PICNIC?
I NEVER KNOW WHAT TO EXPECT WITH YOU, ZATANNA! THAT'S WHY I DIG YOU SO MUCH!
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"THEN I SOON FOUND OUT THE MAGIC WE SHARED BETWEEN US WAS NOT MEANT TO LAST..."
...AND I LEAVE TOMORROW FOR MY PEACE CORPS ASSIGNMENT... I GUESS I SHOULD'VE TOLD YOU BEFORE, BUT--
IT'S OKAY, TONY! WE HAD A TERRIFIC FLING TOGETHER, BUT NOW IT'S OVER!
CHOKE! IF ONLY I COULD SEE TONY AGAIN!
BUT I HEARD RUMORS THAT HE WAS LOST IN THE HIMALAYAS!
MAYBE IT'S ABOUT TIME I LISTENED TO PERSONAL FEELINGS ... AND FIND TONY!
THAT SAME HOUR AT VANDYRE UNIVERSITY...
...WELL, IF THE MATTER IS AS IMPORTANT AS YOU SAY, LINDA... OF COURSE YOU CAN HAVE A PASS TO LEAVE THE CAMPUS FOR A FEW DAYS!
I HOPE YOUR FRIEND ISN'T IN TOO MUCH TROUBLE!
I HOPE NOT, TOO, DEAN!
SCANT MOMENTS LATER, LINDA DANVERS DROPS OUT OF SIGHT... AND CHANGES INTO THE MIGHTIEST GIRL ON EARTH... SUPERGIRL!
THAT A.O.W. RALLY GOT ME THINKING ABOUT TONY AGAIN... AND NOW MY MIND'S MADE UP!
I'M DETERMINED TO LOCATE HIM--
WHETHER HE'S DEAD OR ALIVE!
AND ALSO HEADING IN THE SAME DIRECTION, ANOTHER FIERY-WILLED FEMALE...
WHEREVER HE IS, MY MAGIC WILL LEAD ME TO TONY!
HE HAS TO BE OKAY... I--I COULDN'T BEAR TO FIND OUT HE'S DEAD!
READERS-- IF YOU THINK ZATANNA AND SUPERGIRL ARE HEADED ON A COLLISION COURSE-- TURN TO PART 2!
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LATER, ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE WORLD-- WHERE THE MAID OF MIGHT SOARS TOWARD A FROST-CHILLED VILLAGE AT THE FOOT OF THE MAJESTIC HIMALAYAS...
PART 2
THE PEACE CORPS ASSIGNED TONY TO HELP THESE VILLAGERS BEFORE HE DISAPPEARED!
IT'S A GOLDEN-HAIRED GODDESS!
GO BACK-- RETURN TO THE SKY!
SOME RECEPTION! WHY SO HOSTILE?
THESE PRIMITIVE PEOPLE DON'T TOLERATE ANY OUTSIDERS IN THEIR VILLAGE!
IF THERE WAS ONLY SOME WAY I COULD WIN THEIR CONFIDENCE--
RUN! EVERYONE RUN FOR YOUR LIVES!
ALL EYES GAZE UPWARD TO THE THUNDEROUS ROAR REVERBERATING DOWN THE MOUNTAINSIDE...
GREAT KRYPTON! A GIGANTIC HUNK OF ROCK THE SIZE OF AN ASTEROID TUMBLING STRAIGHT FOR US!
ONLY A FEW SECONDS BEFORE DISASTER!
RRRRUMMBL
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SUPERGIRL ACCELERATES LIKE A HUMAN MISSILE...
AMAZINGLY, SUPERGIRL BECOMES A SUPER-SPEED DRILL...
IF I SHATTERED THE BOULDER AT THIS CLOSE RANGE--THE HUGE FRAGMENTS WOULD FLATTEN THE VILLAGE!
...AS SHE PULVERIZES HER WAY DIRECTLY INTO THE TREMENDOUS ROCK'S CORE...
NOW THAT I'VE LODGED MYSELF FIRMLY INTO THE BOULDER--I CAN DO THE DRIVING.. THANKS TO MY POWERS!
UP, UP AND AWAY FROM THE VILLAGE WE GO!
THE GOLDEN-HAIRED MAIDEN IS TRULY A WONDER!
SHE MAKES THE CRUSHING STONE RETURN TO THE SKIES!
SHE SAVED US ALL!
SCANT MOMENTS LATER AND THOUSANDS OF FEET HIGHER, AFTER CATAPULTING THE BOULDER INTO A CLOUD..
THE VILLAGERS ARE SAFE NOW!
SPLAKKKCH
SHORTLY, A ROUSING WELCOME AWAITS THE GIRL OF STEEL...
HAIL!
THIS IS MORE LIKE IT!
NOW MAYBE I CAN GET SOME INFORMATION FROM THE GRATEFUL VILLAGERS!
HAIL!
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AND AT LAST, SUPERGIRL IS TOLD THE STORY SHE FLEW THOUSANDS OF MILES TO HEAR...
...ALL OF US OWED OUR FRIEND TO-NI MANY THANKS FOR THE HELP HE GAVE US!
BUT THEN TO-NI STARTED DEFYING ORGOX!
TO-NI MUST BE MY TONY!
ORGOX!? WHO--OR WHAT--IS THAT?
ORGOX--THE DEMON ON THE MOUNTAIN! ALL OF US BOW TO HIM... FEAR HIM... MAKE SACRIFICES TO HIM!
ALL EXCEPT TO-NI! HE SCORNED THE DEMON...LAUGHED AT US FOR BEING SLAVES TO SUCH A BEING!
TO-NI TOLD US HE WAS GOING TO PROVE THAT ORGOX WAS JUST A MORTAL TAKING ADVANTAGE OF US!
HE CLIMBED THE MOUNTAIN PROMISING TO BRING ORGOX BACK WITH HIM!
BUT HE NEVER RETURNED! THE DEMON PUNISHED HIM FOR HIS DISBELIEF!
I DON'T BELIEVE IN DEMONS, EITHER!
MY INTUITION TELLS ME I'LL FIND OUT WHAT HAPPENED TO TONY WHEN I EXPOSE THE SECRET OF YOUR ORGOX!
MEANWHILE, NOT FAR AWAY, ZATANNA THE PRINCESS OF MAGIC HAS USED HER MYSTICAL POWERS TO NAVIGATE TOWARD THE AWESOME HIMALAYAN PEAKS...
THERE IT IS... THE LARGEST MOUNTAIN RANGE ON EARTH!
AND AMONG THOSE MILLIONS OF SQUARE FEET OF ROCK--I HAVE TO LOCATE ONE MAN--TONY MARTYN!
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S'YNOT TOOB--
DAEL EM OT
STHIRPTOOF!
MY MAGIC CAN CREATE A REPLICA OF TONY'S BOOT ...WHICH WILL LEAD ME TO HIS FOOTPRINTS!

MOMENTS LATER, THE PRIMITIVE YILLAGERS GAZE SKYWARD WITH WIDE-EYED ASTONISHMENT TO SEE...
LOOK! ANOTHER FLYING GODDESS!
OUR EYES MUST DECEIVE US! SHE SEEMS TO BE FOLLOWING A... FLOATING FOOT!

UNTIL, AT THE BOTTOM OF A SNOW- ENCRUSTED SLOPE CLOSE BY...
COULD MY SPELL HAVE FAILED?
THE BOOT HAS ENDED ITS SEARCH-- BUT I DON'T SEE A SINGLE FOOTPRINT!

BUT A SUDDEN WAVE OF ZATANNA'S WAND REVEALS...
WONS--LLAF YAWA MORF DNUORG!
OF COURSE! MONTHS OF SNOWFALL HAVE COVERED OVER WHAT I'M LOOKING FOR!

AND AFTER THE TOP SNOWY LAYERS ARE SPIRITED AWAY...
NOW THEY'RE IN PLAIN VIEW-- TONY'S REAL BOOT-PRINTS!
SEEMS LIKE HE SET OUT TO CLIMB THIS MOUNTAIN --SO I'LL DO THE SAME!
MY ONLY HOPE IS TO FOLLOW HIS TRAIL AND SEE WHAT HAPPENS!

WHILE IRONICALLY ON THE OPPOSITE SIDE OF THE COLOSSAL MOUNTAIN... SUPERGIRL!
I COULD EASILY FLY TO THE PEAK IN NO TIME... BUT I MIGHT MISS FINDING TONY ALONG THE WAY!
I'D BETTER STAY ON FOOT!

WITHOUT WARNING, THE SLOPE AHEAD IS RIPPED ASUNDER BY A SUDDEN FISSURE THAT REVEALS...
CRUNNCH!
GREAT KRYPTON!
A HUGE SLAB OF ICE BEING PUSHED UP THROUGH THE SURFACE -- WITH TWO PETRIFIED CAVEMEN FROZEN INSIDE!
ULP! DID I SAY PETRIFIED?
THAT FRIGID DUO JUST DECIDED TO THAW THEMSELVES OUT... AND DO THEY LOOK MEAN!
ARGGHH!
SPLAKK
LIKE FEROCIOUS BULLS, THE PREHISTORIC PAIR CHARGES AT THE MAID OF MIGHT...
RUYG KUG!
HEDFT!
LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE FIGHTING OVER WHO GETS TO GRAB ME FIRST!
I'LL TAKE OFF AND--
BUT BEFORE SUPERGIRL CAN LEAP SAFELY AIRBORNE...
OMIGOSH! BOTH CAVEMEN JUMPED UP AND MANAGED TO SEIZE ME!
AND EVEN MORE AMAZING--
-- THEY'RE BOTH FANTASTICALLY HEAVY...
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SO HEAVY-- THAT EVEN MY SUPER-POWER-- CAN'T RESIST THEIR TREMENDOUS WEIGHT!
UNTIL, DEEP AND FAR BENEATH THE HIMALAYAN MOUNTAIN...
WE'VE CRASHED THROUGH TO A GAPING SUBTERRANEAN CAVERN... COMPLETE WITH A BUBBLING SPRING!
MAYBE I CAN TURN THAT POOL INTO A WEAPON!
FASTER THAN A SPARK, THE GIRL OF STEEL PLUNGES INTO THE SPRING TO MAKE A COLOSSAL SUPER-SPLASH...
MY ONLY HOPE IS TO GET MY "ESCORTS" THOROUGHLY SOAKED--
--AND THEN A SWIFT BLAST OF SUPER-COLD BREATH WILL FREEZE THE WATER AND LEAVE THEM PETRIFIED IN ICE ONCE MORE!
BY THE TIME THE CAVEMEN BREAK OUT-- I'LL BE UP, UP AND AWAY!
AS A WORRIED SUPERGIRL ACCELERATES TOWARD THE SURFACE...
NO TWO BEINGS COULD EVER DRAG ME THROUGH THE EARTH LIKE THAT... UNLESS THEIR TERRIFIC WEIGHT WAS MAGICALLY INCREASED!
SOMEONE DOESN'T WANT ME TO CLIMB THIS MOUNTAIN!
PERHAPS ORSOX IS FAR MORE THAN A MERE HOAXSTER!
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Let's leave the smog-ridden streets of New York City for a change and travel to a pleasanter place, a small town in Illinois where a new chapter is being added to the story of the one and only *Superman*. Join with me then for a visit to *The Amazing World of Superman* in . . .

METROPOLIS, ILLINOIS

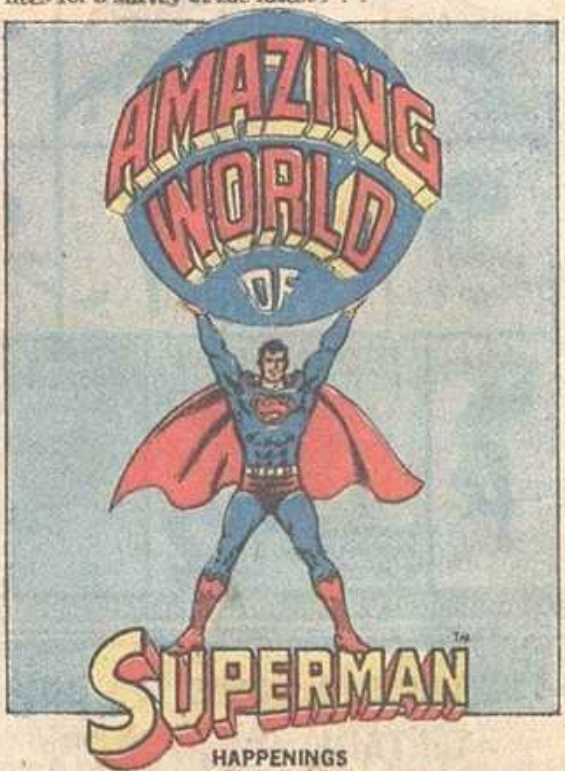
Even people who have never read an issue of *Superman*, or *Action Comics*, or *any* comics magazine know that Metropolis is the name of the city where the Man of Steel lives. The *Superman* legend has been immortalized in a television series, cartoon shows, movies, and magazines from *Time* to *Gentleman's Quarterly*. So when the quiet midwestern town of Metropolis, Illinois announced last year that it was adopting its most famous citizen as the trademark of a new recreation center, the only thing that surprised me was that they hadn't thought of it sooner!

"The Amazing World Of Superman" is going to be a very special place when it's completed in a few years. Plans call for a *Superman Museum*, an amusement park (does anyone out there remember a story entitled "Superman In Superman Land" from the nineteen-fifties? Dreams sometimes come true!), and a fantasy world all wrapped into one. On Memorial Day this year it all began with the opening of the new *Superman Exhibition Center*, the cornerstone of the entire operation.

As you walk though the center, you'll pass a gigantic 25 foot long mural of *Superman*, the largest in the world. After you've been greeted by that awesome sight, you can tour the various exhibits and learn how a Comic Magazine is Created (from the original editorial conference in the DC offices to the vast four-color printing plant in Sparta, Illinois), view over a million dollars worth of original comic art—from the days of the Golden Age to today's blockbuster issues, visit the world's largest collection of *Superman* memorabilia, compete in the *Junior Superman Olympics* (a special event just for you junior athletes!), join the brand-new *Supermen of Metropolis Club*, watch a *Superman* movie, see the model of *Superman's* home and meet the Man of Steel himself! It's a terrific time for the whole family for only $1.75 per adult and $1.25 per child, so be sure to make plans to visit there this summer. You can make the price even lower by bringing a cover of any new comic with *Superman* on it! That'll lower the price 25c any time . . . even weekends and holidays!

To celebrate the opening of the Center the people of Metropolis have produced a very special magazine entitled "The Amazing World of Superman—Metropolis Edition" for their visitors. It is only available at the center or by mail from them. Its 64 oversized pages are packed with fun and excitement—the origin of *Superman* (a new version by Swan and Anderson, not the one that was reprinted in *Secret Origins* #1), a poster map of Krypton, newspaper comic strips (from the forties), stories, and articles on the many mediums that *Superman* has appeared in. If you don't think that you can get to Metropolis to pick it up, send $2.00 plus 40c to cover postage and handling to: Metropolis Recreation, Inc., Post Office Box 809, Metropolis, Illinois 62960, and it'll be delivered to your doorstep by super-mail.

There's going to be a lot happening in Metropolis, so watch this column for more details. Meanwhile, let's go back to the city of New York and the *DC* offices for a survey of the latest . . .



HAPPENINGS

The Manhunter is coming in *Detective Comics* this summer, just as I promised in *Behind The Scenes* #3, and editor/writer Archie Goodwin has picked an artist for the strip at long last. The lucky gent is one Walt Simonson, a new artist whose work is also going to be appearing in *Sword of Sorcery*.

To top it all off, the ghostly guardian is returning to the pages of *Adventure Comics*. No, not *Deadman* . . . *The Spectre!* Editor Joe Orlando enjoyed re-reading his origin so much in *Secret Origins* #5 that he's launching a *Spectre* series in *Adventure* #431. *Black Orchid* fans shouldn't go into mourning though, as her series will continue to appear in every issue.

Behind The Scenes #1 wasn't on the stands for a week before the letters started to pour in. I promise to answer all the questions that I can next time, and meanwhile I expect to see you all at the New York Comic Art Convention this upcoming July Fourth! Till then, keep reading!

MEANWHILE-- UP ABOVE, A SAUCY SORCERESS SCALES THE MOUNTAIN-- MAGICIAN STYLE...
SKCOR--EMOCEB GNITAOLF SPETS!
I'M HALFWAY TO THE PEAK ALREADY! AND STILL NO SIGN OF TONY -- OR ANY OTHER LIVING THING!
OOPS! I THINK MY LUCK'S JUST CHANGED -- FOR THE WORSE!
BRRRR! I-I FEEL LIKE I'M BECOMING AN ICICLE!
N-N-NO WONDER! I'M IN THE FRIGID GRIP OF A MONSTROUS EAGLE OF ICE!
A CREATURE LIKE THIS SHOULDN'T EXIST -- B-BUT IT D-DOES!
OVERWHELMED BY THE FREEZING TALONS LOCKED AROUND HER NUMBED BODY, ZATANNA FIGHTS TO RESIST A SUB-ZERO DOOM, BUT...
D-D-D D-DIR D-D
NO USE! S-SO COLD I CAN'T STOP MY TEETH FROM CHATTERING LONG ENOUGH TO SAY A MAGICAL COMMAND ALOUD!
I-I'VE BECOME THIS ICE-BIRD'S HELPLESS PREY!
SOON, REACHING A LOFTY JUTTING PLATEAU ABOVE THE CLOUDS...
T-THAT HAS TO BE THIS WINGED-NIGHTMARE'S NEST... MADE OF SNOW!
I -- IT LOOKS LIKE A CONVERTIBLE I-IGLOO!
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AND AS THE ICY TALONS RELEASE THEIR SHAPELY PREY...
BRRR! A F-FEW MINUTES IN TH-THIS SNOW-NEST AND I'LL BE A POPSICLE!
THOSE FLASHES OF LIGHT GLEAMING OFF THE ICE-EAGLE'S SHIMMERING WINGS... MAYBE THEY'RE MY WAY OUT!

CRAFTILY, ZATANNA POSITIONS HERSELF UNDER THE MONSTER, UNTIL...
DID IT-- PUT MY FACE IN THE PATH OF A SUNBEAM BEING REFLECTED OFF THE ICY WING!
NOW, IF ONLY THE BIRD DOESN'T MOVE FOR A FEW SECONDS...

ALMOST AT ONCE, THE BEAM OF CONCENTRATED SUNLIGHT SHOWS ITS EFFECTS...
L-LIKE I HOPED... THE WARMTH FROM THE SUNBEAM IS THAWING ME OUT JUST ENOUGH SO THAT I CAN SPEAK ALOUD--!
WONS-DRIB..

--EMOCEB EVLEWT SSELMRAH SDRIB!
WHEW! THE SPELL WORKED! MY MAGIC TRANSFORMED THE MONSTER INTO A DOZEN BABY ICE-BIRDS THAT ARE HARMLESSLY FLYING AWAY!

WEAKENED BUT UNDAUNTED, THE SORCERESS SOARS UPWARD ONCE MORE...
UHHH... EVEN MY SPELLS CAN'T COUNTER-ACT THE DAMAGE DONE BY THAT TERRIBLE ICY GRIP!

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SOON, IT ISN'T LONG BEFORE THE MAID FROM KRYPTON APPROACHES THE MAMMOTH MOUNTAIN'S UPPERMOST PEAK, WELL ABOVE THE CLOUDS...
THERE'S A PLATEAU UP AHEAD-- NOT FAR FROM THE VERY TOP! BUT STILL NO SIGN OF TONY... EVEN THOUGH I'VE BEEN CONSTANTLY SCANNING FOR HIM WITH X-RAY VISION!
DID THE VILLAGERS STEER ME WRONG?
PART 3
GREAT KRYPTON! A FROZEN BODY ON THE PLATEAU-- BUT NOT TONY'S!
THAT BLUE SUIT... THE TOP HAT... IT CAN ONLY BE...
ZATANNA!
AFTER SUPERGIRL SWIFTLY REMOVES HER INDESTRUCTIBLE CAPE AND GENTLY WRAPS IT AROUND THE NUMBED SORCERESS...
BEAMS OF HEAT-VISION WILL WARM UP MY CAPE LIKE A SUPER-ELECTRIC BLANKET!
I MUST BE CAREFUL, THOUGH! THAWING ZATANNA OUT TOO QUICKLY-- WOULD DO MORE HARM THAN GOOD!
THERAPEUTIC MOMENTS LATER-- FAVORABLE RESULTS BEGIN TO SHOW...
Y-YOU?!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING ON THIS MOUNTAIN, SUPERGIRL?
ZATANNA!-- THANK THE STARS YOU'RE OKAY NOW!
BUT YOU COULD SHOW A LITTLE GRATITUDE! YOU WERE A LIFELESS ICICLE UNTIL I DEFROSTED YOU!
MAYBE SO... AND I WILL THANK YOU... BUT LATER!
RIGHT NOW, MY JOB IS TO SAVE A YOUNG MAN'S LIFE-- A MISSION I MUST FINISH HERE ALONE!
DO I HAVE A COINCIDENCE FOR YOU-- I'M HERE FOR THE SAME REASON!
T-THAT BRACELET... IT HAS TONY MARTYN'S NAME ON IT!
BUT YOU CAN'T BE ON THE MOUNTAIN SEARCHING FOR HIM-- THAT'S MY JOB!
NOT A CHANCE!
MY SUPER-POWERS MAKE ME FAR BETTER QUALIFIED THAN YOU TO HELP TONY!
TONY MARTYN
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WITHOUT WARNING, A THUNDEROUS RUMBLE FOLLOWED BY...
RUMMM
WATCH OUT, ZATANNA! AVALANCHE!
MUST PROTECT MYSELF--!
WONS--TLEM DNUORA EM!
GRRRRRRRRR
SUPERGIRL--DO YOU HEAR THAT?
SOUNDS LIKE THE GROWL OF A WILD BEAST... BUT THERE'S NONE IN SIGHT!
SUDDENLY, THE VERY SNOW AROUND THEM RISES FORTH AND SEEMS TO TAKE ON A HORRENDOUS LIFE OF ITS OWN...
OMIGOSH! THAT WAS NO AVALANCHE THAT CAME DOWN ON US--IT WAS A LIVING CREATURE!
A NIGHTMARISH SNOW-MONSTER! AND BOTH OF US ARE IN ITS CHILLING GRIP!
SUPER-KARATE WILL PULVERIZE MY WAY FREE!
ANNATAZ--KNIRHS ROF EPACSE!
BACK OUT OF THIS, ZATANNA! ONLY MY SUPER-POWERS ARE MIGHTY ENOUGH TO OVERCOME THIS BRUTE!
NO, YOU KEEP AWAY, SUPERGIRL! MY MAGICAL SPELLS ARE THE ONLY SURE WAY OF STOPPING THIS ABOMINABLE SNOW-MAN!
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SIMULTANEOUSLY, EACH HEROINE LETS LOOSE WITH HER OWN STYLE OF ATTACK...
A CONCENTRATED BLAST OF SUPER-BREATH OUGHT TO TUMBLE THE SNOWMAN OFF THE MOUNTAIN!
WHOOOSH
SLLABERIF--TLEM EHT RETSNOM!
A BARRAGE OF FIREBALLS WILL PERFORATE THE SNOWMAN UNTIL HE LOOKS LIKE A FROZEN LUMP OF SWISS CHEESE!
BUT AT THAT VERY SAME SPLIT-INSTANT...
?!? THE SNOWMAN SUDDENLY BECAME NON-SOLID -- TO AVOID OUR ATTACKS!
AND INSTEAD -- WE'RE ATTACKING -- EACH OTHER!
OOFFFF! N-NO TIME TO COUNTERACT THAT SUPER-GUST WITH MAGIC!
UHHHH... THESE MAGICAL FIREBALLS ARE WEAKENING ME... SAPPING MY STRENGTH!
EDITOR'S NOTE: EVEN SUPERGIRL'S WONDROUS SUPER-POWERS CANNOT PROTECT HER FROM THE EFFECTS OF MAGIC!
AS ABRUPTLY AS IT FADED AWAY, THE MONSTROUS FIEND OF FROST BECOMES A SOLID MENACE ONCE MORE...
THE SNOWMAN IS [illegible]ING--
--TO ATTACK US AGAIN!
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LET'S FACE IT, ZATANNA! OUR MISFIRES HAVE MADE EACH OF US TOO WEAK TO DEFEAT THE BEAST ON OUR OWN!
Y-YOU'RE RIGHT, SUPERGIRL! ;COUGH; NOW OUR ONLY CHANCE IS TO WORK TOGETHER!
IN DEADLY UNISON, THE GIRL OF MIGHT AND THE PRINCESS OF MAGIC STRIKE THE CHARGING SNOWMAN WITH A DOUBLE-BARREL DEFENSE...
ALTHOUGH MY HEAT-VISION'S ONLY AT HALF-STRENGTH-- IT'S ENOUGH TO MELT THE MONSTER'S LEGS INTO PUDDLES!
WONS-SLATSYRC--MROF A DUOLC!
AND MY MAGIC SPELL IS JUST POWERFUL ENOUGH TO CHANGE ITS SNOW CRYSTALS INTO HARMLESS CLOUD-FORM!
A MOMENT LATER, RIPPLING PUDDLES AND FLEECY CLOUD-WISPS ARE ALL THAT REMAIN OF THE FEARSOME FROST-FIEND...
;WHEW; OUR TEAMWORK SAVED US!
BUT THE MYSTERY STILL REMAINS-- ARE WE ANY CLOSER NOW TO FINDING TONY THAN WE WERE BEFORE?
SUPERGIRL-- ZATANNA! AT LAST YOU'RE HERE!
F-FOR MONTHS I'VE BEEN HELD PRISONER ON THIS MOUNTAIN... AGAINST MY WILL!
I WAS WRONG! THE ORGOX REALLY EXISTS-- AND HE REALLY IS A DEMON!
TONY!
YOU'VE GOT A MEAN CASE OF FROSTBITE... BUT YOU'LL BE OKAY, TONY!
TRY NOT TO TALK!
I MUST! I KNOW THE ORGOX IS FOLLOWING ME... AND HE'LL BE COMING UP OVER THAT PLATEAU--
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--JUST ABOUT NOW!
THAT'S THE ORGOX FOR SURE-- I RECOGNIZE HIM FROM THE GOLD STATUE IN THE VILLAGE!

SLOWLY, OMINOUSLY, THE ANCIENT DEMON LUMBERS TOWARD THE TRIO WITHOUT SAYING A WORD...
D-DON'T LET HIM ANY CLOSER! H-HE'LL NEVER LET ME OFF THE MOUNTAIN ALIVE-- BECAUSE I TRIED TO TURN THE VILLAGERS AGAINST HIM!
WE'RE RIGHT BESIDE YOU, TONY!
HMMM... SOMETHING ODD HERE!

I'LL STOP HIM WITH A SPELL!
TONY'S SO SCARED, HIS HEARTBEAT SHOULD BE VERY FAST--
BUT MY SUPER-HEARING REVEALS HIS PULSE IS SLOW AND STEADY!
HOW COULD THAT BE-- UNLESS--?

SUPERGIRL! YOU OUT OF YOUR HEAD? WE HAVE TO PROTECT TONY!
THIS ISN'T TONY!!

NEXT MOMENT-- A STARTLING TRANSFORMATION...
GOOD GODS! IT WAS REALLY THE ORGOX ALL ALONG-- DISGUISED AS TONY--!
--SO WE WOULDN'T SUSPECT THE OTHER ORGOX COMING TOWARD US WAS THE REAL TONY--ALSO IN DISGUISE!
NOW'S OUR CHANCE TO CAPTURE HIM!

UNIMAGINABLE, DEVASTATING MYSTICAL POWER THAT SHATTERS AN ENTIRE MOUNTAIN LIKE A FEEBLE ANT-HILL--MAKING IT CAVE IN ON ITSELF WITH A THUNDEROUS RUMBLE THAT ECHOES ACROSS SEVERAL COUNTRIES...
RUMMBBLLLEr

AND IN THE MIDST OF THE NIGHTMARISH CATACLYSM--A DARING RESCUE...
DNAW.. TCETORP SU MORF SKCOR!
GOOD WORK, ZATANNA!
WHILE I FLY THE THREE OF US OUT OF THIS CHAOS--YOUR MAGIC IS PROTECTING TONY FROM HARM!

MOMENTS LATER, AFTER THE COUNTLESS TONS OF ROCK AND STONE HAVE SETTLED, LEAVING ONLY RUBBLE WHERE A MAJESTIC PEAK ONCE ROSE...
...AND I LEARNED THAT ORSOX WAS BANISHED FROM A TRIBE OF ANCIENTS THAT ROAMED THE EARTH EONS AGO!
THAT RUTHLESS DEMON PERISHED WITH HIS MOUNTAIN!
I GUESS WE'LL NEVER KNOW FOR SURE!

AND AS THE TRIO ZOOMS ACROSS THE ATLANTIC, TOWARD AMERICA...
WHY ARE YOU TWO SO QUIET ALL OF A SUDDEN?
ALL I SAID WAS--MY NEW FIANCE BACK HOME WILL BE GLAD TO SEE I'M OKAY!
YOU'RE ENGAGED--TO SOMEONE ELSE!

HMPF! I FEEL SO FOOLISH! ALL THIS TIME, SUPERGIRL AND I WERE RIVALS FOR NOTHING!
WHAT A LET-DOWN! TO THINK ZATANNA AND I WERE ACTUALLY FIGHTING OVER A MAN WHO'S ALREADY SPOKEN FOR!
I'LL NEVER UNDERSTAND MEN!
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